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COUNTRY: Syria

REPORT NO: 200-910

SUBJECT: Activities of Hajj Amin al-HUSAINI
in Syria.

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1. The former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al-HUSAINI, who has been staying in Bludan, Syria, since June 1966, travelled from Bludan to Damascus on 17 August in the company of his assistant, Muhammad Salim ABD-RAHMAN. Hajj Amin attended a reception celebrating the national holiday of Indonesia on 17 August. He spent the following night at the New Omayyad Hotel where, on 18 August, he conferred with (Shaykh) Ahmad JURAYAH, a Saudi Arabian Minister, who had arrived at the hotel the same day. Hajj Amin, UTAI, and ABD-RAHMAN left Damascus for Beirut on 18 August.

2. ~~Muhammad ABD-RAHMAN~~, a former lieutenant of Hajj Amin and presently employed in the Syrian Ministry of Interior, received recently the sum of 6,000 Syrian pounds from the former Grand Mufti through (Dr) Sadiq ABD-CHABAB. The money is to be used to place articles favorable to the Grand Mufti in the Syrian press with the purpose of assisting him in his efforts to return to Jerusalem.

3. (President) Shukri KAYAL of Syria promised Hajj Amin that he would raise the question of his returning to Jerusalem in his conversations with King HUSAIN of Jordan between 17 and 20 August.

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4. Hajj Amin carries a diplomatic passport No. 1 issued by the Arab League. He lists his birthdate as 1900. ABU LABAN carries Arab League Passport No. 10; his date of birth is 1902.

STATION COMMENT: The most recent report on Hajj Amin al-HURAYBI was MID-904.

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